

What is claimed is:

1. A method for collecting mailpiece identification and tracking information, said method including the steps of:
providing a database for storing mailpiece data;
storing a mailpiece identification code in said database, wherein said mailpiece identification code is associated with a mailpiece prior to being delivered to a postal authority for distribution thereof;
storing at least another mailpiece identification information other than said identification code in said database and associating it with said mailpiece's identification code stored in said database; and
storing mailpiece tracking details as compiled by a postal authority during processing of said mailpiece in said database and in association with it's stored mailpiece identification code and another mailpiece identification information.
2. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein the mailpiece identification code and another mailpiece identification information are stored simultaneously in said database.
3. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said mailpiece identification code is a PLANET CODE.
4. A method as recited in claim 1 wherein said database is remote from a postal authority database implemented for compiling mailpiece tracking details.
5. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein said stored mailpiece identification and tracking information is accessible to a user via the internet.
6. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein said database is remote from and in communication with a mailpiece generating device for receiving said mailpiece identification code.

7. A method as recited in claim 6, wherein said database is remote from and in communication with said postal authority for receiving said mailpiece tracking details.